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From the Ranks

In selecting Patrick E. Crowley as President of the New York Central Lines in face of a persistent drive for a big financial man favored by the Wall street interests the New York Central directors acted wisely and well.

When the American public sees a great railroad system operated by a real railroad man who has come straight up from the rank and file of the railroad employees, it will have greater confidence in public utility corporations than if it is guided and steered by a man whose sole recommendation is that he is acceptable to Wall street. The public will look upon the stock of that railroad as a better and safer investment for their surplus savings than in the stock and bonds of a railroad system manipulated only with an eye to the rise and fall in the stock market.

"Pat" Crowley is a railroad operator, a railroad builder from the soles of his feet to the crown of his head. And, above all, he is a practical Catholic.

New City Hall

Mayor Van Zandt and the City administration have taken the first steps toward a new City Hall authorizing purchase or condemnation of a new site bounded by Fitzhugh street and Spring street.

There is no denying the fact that the present City Hall has long since failed to give adequate space for the City Government. As a matter of fact, the city is now paying out something like \$50,000 a year in rental of quarters for Bureaus and Departments that cannot find space in City Hall. Much of this rented space is unsuited to the City use and the same Departments could be housed better in less space in a modernly equipped office building.

But one wonders if it would not be cheaper and better business to build up the entire space now occupied by the City Hall, Court House, and open court with say a twelve or fifteen story office building City Hall and Court House.

Playing Position

It cannot be denied that the so-called "investigators" in Washington have dwindled in public interest. We have been reading of Corruption, fraud, chicanery and what not charged against our public officers in hearing before the Senate Committee in Washington but so far, not a single indictment has been found, not a single public officer has been sent to prison. The only indictment so far returned is against Colonel Forbes, of the Veterans Bureau and that was secured upon evidence unearthed by General John L. O'Ryan.

One is forced reluctantly to the conclusion that much of the material thrown off each day before these Washington Committees is for public consumption to sway sentiment for political effect.

Once the public reaches this conclusion it will have even less respect than it now has for the United States Senate and one knows that it is not enough. They are not interested in what laws are passed so long as these promote the common good of all. But in moral matters the Church is interested and she will go into the convention to reform the organization to keep this nation above the type of a person one would expect to start such an outfit as the Klan.

tempting to free the American wife of her marital obligations.

We are complimented for the criticism we have received in defending the rights of unborn children. It goes to prove the mental and moral calibre of a few of the subscribers who edit playmate and pugnacious papers. And it also demonstrates the weakness of their defense when it comes to supporting the teachings of Mrs. Sanger.

It is a matter of congratulation that among the 51 senators and 150 assemblymen at Albany in the Legislature of 1924 not one could be induced to introduce and champion the birth control bill drafted by the Margaret Sangerites.

Quite Right

It is a matter of regret that there are women in Rochester, moving in supposed intellectual circles and classed as of social standing who have openly espoused Margaret Sanger and her so-called birth control propaganda. Really it is birth suppression.

These women would have the present laws amended so as to legalize their nefarious propaganda that may be readily commercialized.

Here in Rochester the public press has not championed the Margaret Sangerites. But in Buffalo it was different. The Union and Times rapped these papers sharply and the papers undertook to justify their position. Here is the way the "Union and Times" came back.

Several citizens in Buffalo who earn a living by publishing literary trash have jumped on "The Catholic Union and Times" for a recent statement that the Catholics of this state would not permit a bill to pass granting the right to disseminate birth-control information. In this the Catholic Union and Times has erred. We forgot to add the thousands of decent Protestants and non-believers who would block the destruction of family-life with the same forcefulness as the Catholic element. We do not claim that Catholics alone believe that birth-control is child-murder. The large families, not members of the Catholic Church, is concrete evidence that millions understand that contraceptive methods taught by the archbishops of respectability lead to race suicide.

As for the intellectual insects who attempted to read us a lesson, all we can say is that they do us honor by their protest against what they call the intrusion of a Catholic paper in politics. They cannot distinguish between affairs political and moral. The Catholic Church is not in politics. The Holy See.

Lesson Needed

Savino Tidings of Los Angeles. The world needs today just the lessons which the life of St. Joseph teaches. Of that life we know little. It was spent in humility, retirement, prayer, and labor. All of them in a way not in themselves esteemed in our age. Then, too, St. Joseph's care for the Blessed Virgin and the Child Jesus has always appealed to Christian fathers. As the head of the household of Nazareth, St. Joseph can teach many a lesson to the people of our times, among whom family life is not fostered. There is a peculiar cogency for this age in the old-time command, "go to Joseph." If it were heeded now, there is no doubt that many of the evils of the day, as they affect Catholics, would speedily give place to an outlook on life more conformable to the teachings of the Church and the example of the holy Patriarch whom we honor.

Burlesque

That the Ku Klux Klan is degenerating into the burlesque stage is pointed out by the Brooklyn "Tablet" when it says:— The remarkable case of Edward Young Clarke offers one unseemly burlesque. Mr. Clarke was the brains and chief organizer as well as leader of the Ku Klux Klan in 1921, while preaching for a pure and undefiled womanhood, and while collecting ten dollars per head from chivalrous morons who were pledged to protect womanhood, and while encouraging the hooded hosts to go forth to tar and feather some defenseless creature who was suspected of mistreating some one else, Mr. Clarke, mind you, married man, was walking off with another man's wife to a distant state. He was arrested for breaking the Mann white slave act and at the trial on Monday he pleaded guilty! Among the humorous phases of the case was Clarke pleading not to be sent to jail because it would break his mother's heart. Another was his recent letter to President Coolidge asking that the Klan be cleaned up. And still another was his refusal to attend a convention to reform the organization. Mr. Clarke is exactly the type of a person one would expect to start such an outfit as the Klan.

The Northwest Review of Winnipeg states a great truth when it says:

"The 42,000 Sisters and Brothers who staff the parochial schools of the United States save the country annually \$35,000,000. This represents an endowment of the staggering sum of \$700,000,000.

In the death of Charles F. Murphy marks the passing of one of the old-time political leaders whose word was his bond, whose loyalty to friend never was questioned. More than all he was a practical Catholic.

"Much ado about nothing" is the teapot tempest one the Horse Show. About nine out of ten persons in the community do not know there is such an institution as the Rochester Horse Show.

Now if real spring weather would be vouchsafed during the month of May.

Perhaps Mr. Murphy's death may take Al. Smith out of the presidential race and make him the leader of Tammany Hall.

Now just watch the fickle press that never could say a good word for Charles F. Murphy alive, face about and dilate on what a really great man he was. But he cannot read his tombstone now he's dead.

The Catholic press is gaining in power and prestige every day. You must have readers and circulation to induce advertising patronage and advertising patronage is necessary to maintain a newspaper unless it is a subsidized organ. And wealthy Catholics have not yet come forward to subsidize Catholic papers.

Cardinal Hayes and Mundelein and O'Connell and Dougherty make up a forceful quartette who will do honor to the Church, the United States and

Baseball in the mud does not appeal as much as football in slush.

The Aquinas Quint of 1924 has been properly congratulated and feted.

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF FEAST DAYS

Sunday, May 4.—St. Monica, the mother of St. Augustine, was born in 332 and after a life of sinfulness her penitence was given in marriage to Patritius, a pagan. When her son Augustine went astray in his youth he was brought back to the Faith through her prayers.

Monday, May 5.—St. Plus V was noted for the reforms which he enforced in the government of the Church and in the Roman Court, as well as for the spotlessness of his own life. The Holy League which he formed crushed the Turks at the great battle of Lepanto in 1571 and saved Christendom from the infidels.

Tuesday, May 6.—St. John Before the Latin Gate. This feast serves to recall to the faithful how when St. John was plunged into a caldron of boiling oil at the command of the Emperor Domitian, outside the gate of Rome called Latina, the seething liquid seemed to him only an invigorating bath. After this miraculous rescue the Saint was banished to the little island of Patmos.

Wednesday, May 7.—St. Stanislas, Bishop of Cracow. In order to refute slanders against his honesty, he, on one occasion, raised a dead man to life. He was slain by King Boleslas II whom he had often rebuked and finally excommunicated for scandalous excesses.

Thursday, May 8.—The Apparition of St. Michael the Archangel. St. Michael is honored by the Church as the Prince of the holy angels who opposed Lucifer and his associates in their revolt against God. He is the special protector of the Church against the assaults of the Devil.

Friday, May 9.—St. Gregory Nazianzen was Patriarch of Constantinople at a time when that city was distracted by Arians and other heretics. During the second General Council he resigned his see in the hope of restoring peace to the tormented city, and retired to his native town where he died in the year 390.

Saturday, May 10.—St. Antoninus, Archbishop of Florence, because of his charity was known as the "Father of the Poor". He sat as Papal Theologian at the Council of Florence.

English Priest

Dies Suddenly

London, April 11.—Father William Lieber dropped dead whilst instructing a class at Sleaford, Lincolnshire, this week. A year ago when he was cycling, the brakes failed as he was descending a hill, and he crashed into a wall and lay unconscious for some time. His sudden death was probably the result of the accident.

Fr. Garesche Gives Advice On Founding Community Centers

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Green Bay, Wis., April 24.—Speaking at a luncheon given in his honor by the committee in charge of the Columbus Community Center soon to be erected in this city, Rev. E. F. Garesche, S. J., who has made extensive studies in this subject, gave in brief the conditions and requirements for success in the necessary but difficult task of establishing and managing self-supporting Catholic centers of recreation, sociability and instruction.

The first essential he said was to treat the enterprise from its financial side as a matter of strict business principles. These principles require first a careful survey of local conditions, so as to see what sort of a building is wanted to meet the exact demands of the locality, and what features may be expected to become popular enough locally to pay expenses of the enterprise.

The second requisite is the right planning of the building so as to supply just what is wanted and needed locally, as revealed by the careful preliminary survey.

Finally, when the building is properly planned and constructed, it is equally important to get such capable and experienced management as will insure service, that is that will keep the building and its activities in such an attractive and suitable condition as will make people wish to continue going there. A neglect of any one of these conditions, he said, spells failure for a Catholic center just as it would for any other activity with a business management.

Father Garesche read a communication from the general manager of the Catholic Club of Memphis, Tenn., opened last October, which gave him a report of the success of the various features of the building. The seventy-four bed rooms of the center have been occupied each night for the last three months and at the present time thirty seven additional rooms would be needed to accommodate all who apply. The social rooms have been rented to very good advantage to outside organizations. The ball room has been a very good revenue producer, and has been used for musicals, recitals, dances and amateur theatricals.

"I may say," the letter concluded, "that this building has met the fondest hopes of our directors, and at this time no reason can be seen why it should not be self-supporting."

Father Garesche also spoke of the plans to establish a central bureau and a national organization where such enterprises will be able to obtain plans, information on the experience of other centers, and get in touch with competent managers.

Catholic Women's League Forms Club For Leeds Servants

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) London, April 18.—A club for Catholic domestic servants has been started in Leeds by the Catholic Women's League. It is suggested that the club might develop into a servant's trade union, in which the domestics could unite to raise the standard of their position, get better wages and secure shorter hours. Domestic servants in England are poorly remunerated, being paid on the average about four or five dollars a week beyond their keep. So there is some room for improvement. The matter is being taken up by the American standard.

Pope Blesses Plan For Oban Cathedral

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) London, April 18.—The Pope has blessed the project of the Bishop of Argyll and the Isles, a Scottish diocese, who is trying to build a cathedral at Oban. His present project is a corrugated iron structure, the roof of which leaks in a score of places and which is drenched by sea spray when storms sweep in from the Atlantic. A painter accounted for a hole in the roof by saying that paint brush had slipped through it.

\$200,000 Gymnasium At St. Xavier Planned

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Cincinnati, April 26.—Erection of a new \$200,000 gymnasium in the Tudor Gothic style of architecture to harmonize with the other buildings on the Avondale campus of St. Xavier College, Cincinnati, is included in the building program of the college which provides for the expenditure of \$1,575,000. The proposed gymnasium will be thoroughly equipped for all indoor sports.

Madras Governor Lays First Stone Of Jesuit College

Lord Willingdon Congratulates Fathers on Overcoming Difficulties and Praises Their Work

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Madras, March 25.—His Excellency Lord Willingdon, Governor of Madras with Lady Willingdon, recently laid the foundation stone of Loyola College to be erected in this city. A distinguished gathering, including all the ministers of the Governor, attended the function.

Rev. Father Bertram in requesting His Excellency to lay the foundation stone of the College, described the origin and development of the new project before the passing of the University Act in 1923. The Madras University was functioning only as an examining body having a number of affiliated colleges all over the Madras Presidency. Of these two were Catholic institutions managed by the Jesuits, St. Joseph's College in Trichinopoly managed by the French Fathers and St. Aloysius College in Mangalore, conducted by Italian Fathers. With the enactment of the Madras University Act, Madras University was constituted of the colleges of the Madras city alone. Not to have a constituent college in Madras would have been a serious drawback for the educational advancement of the Catholics in Southern India.

The Fathers have proceeded in spite of an unsuccessful attempt to gather funds in Europe and America. The donations received, including 100,000 lire from His Holiness Pope Benedict XV and other sums given by the various Catholic societies, amounted to about Rs. 40,000 at the present bad rate of exchange, whereas the required sum was Rs. 150,000 for the first year alone.

The new college will be residential, the students being housed in cottages containing each about 30 single rooms. A few of these cottages will be built in the next academic year. The college, though primarily intended for Catholics, will be open to students of all races, casts and creeds.

In laying the foundation stone His Excellency made a sympathetic speech, "I much appreciate," he said, "the suggestion you made, Father Bertram, in your speech, that my name should be associated with this great educational project by having one of your students' hostels called after me. I gratefully accept the compliment you wish to pay me and am glad to feel that my name will be associated with the great work of your Mission which has been of immense service towards the educational advancement of our people, both in this Presidency and throughout the country."

"I wish to congratulate you very warmly on the fact that notwithstanding your difficulties in regard to finance you are readily undertaking this further responsibility by the institution of an entirely new college in Madras besides continuing up to its high standard of work and learning your fine college at Trichinopoly, of my visit to which I have still a very keen and vivid recollection."

French Protestant Deplores Emptiness Of "Reformed" Churches

Paris, April 17.—The Protestant review "Le Christianisme Social" carries an article under the signature of M. Paul Passy, deploring the tendency of the faithful of the Reformed Church to abandon public worship.

"We can have no illusions as to the fact. Statistics have been compiled on this subject in England, Switzerland and America. I have not the figures at hand, but I know that they all show at least a relative decrease. I do not know whether the same work has been done in France, but it is sufficient to open one's eyes to observe that things are about the same here."

"This is the case more or less everywhere and under the most varying circumstances. Crowds are no longer seen thronging to hear a well-loved preacher and on the other hand the Protestant churches in the various quarters and in the suburbs are often empty. In the country, in the districts of old Huguenot descent the older people say that in their childhood people would walk six kilometers in any weather to go to church. Could many people be found today who would do half as much?"

"The number of churches has increased, communications have improved, but no one takes advantage of them. All in all, weekly attendance at church has certainly diminished."

Daughter.—Papa, Count Necoyn and I are to be married and I am to wear his family sapphires.

Father.—Humph! Your future looks blue enough without sapphires.—Boston Transcript.

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